

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF SARA KYLER  
AND BRIAN GATES

**HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 12, 2013*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the marriage of Sara Kyler and Brian Gates. May God be with them and keep them. May their love for one another and commitment to the life they have ahead be an inspiration to others.

IN HONOR OF RULING ELDER  
ELLSWORTH G. STANTON III,  
M.B.E., K.S.J., ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
HIS ELECTION AS CLERK OF  
SESSION OF THE BRICK PRES-  
BYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE CITY  
OF NEW YORK

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 12, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III, M.B.E., K.S.J., to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his election as the Clerk of Session of the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, which is located in the district I represent. The Brick Church, established in 1767, is a vibrant, thriving place of worship that currently serves over 1,700 members of its congregation and is known for welcoming parishioners of all backgrounds, who live not only in the neighborhood, but in the outer boroughs and suburbs of New York. Since its founding, the Church has stayed faithful to its vision of maintaining excellent worship, continuing its mission of outreach to the City, educating children, youth, and adults, and, above all, preserving its strong tradition of congregational fellowship.

Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III was born and educated in Evanston, Illinois. He graduated from Roosevelt University in Chicago and continued his graduate work at Northwestern University and at CUNY Baruch College. After completing his studies, he served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the Philippines as a Literacy Training Instructor.

Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III joined the Brick Church in 1960 when the Church was led by the Reverend Paul Austin Wolfe. During his early years of membership, Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III served as President of the Church's Young Adults group and as founder, director, and performer of the Brick Church Drama Council when the Church's Watson Hall served as an active theater.

In 1988, during the tenure of the Reverend Herbert Anderson, Ruling Elder Ellsworth G.

Stanton III was elected by the Session to serve as Clerk. As Clerk of Session, he has faithfully kept the Session's records and those of the congregation. He was also named Beadle, a traditional office of Scottish origin charged with assisting ministers with the ceremonial aspects of worship, such as the acolytes, and the procession and recession. Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III is also a faithful member of the Church's Chancel Choir, the Session's Committee on Worship and Music, the Senior Advisor to the Order of St. Paul, and the convener, advisor, and stout supporter of the Session's Archives and History Committee.

In addition to his work for the Brick Church, Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III has a long and distinguished record of service for other charitable causes. He has been a Trustee of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, and President of the Board of the New York Theological Seminary, as well as President of the Board of the Burden Center for the Aging. Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III is currently the Executive Director Emeritus of the James N. Jarvie Commonweal Service, President Emeritus of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Organizations, and Knight of Justice of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Ruling Elder Ellsworth G. Stanton III's efforts have been recognized by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, who appointed him a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and by the Federation of Protestant Welfare Organizations, which honored him with their distinguished Keystone and Maggie Kuhn Awards.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Ruling Elder Ellsworth George Stanton III, who, as a member of the Brick Presbyterian Church for the past 53 years, and as Clerk of Session for the past 25, has served with extraordinary dedication to his congregation and the New York Community. I am honored to recognize his many years of service that have truly improved the lives of thousands of New Yorkers, and enhanced the spiritual life of his church and its parishioners.

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. Speaker, there are all types of organizations in our great country that help others in need; that is one of the trademarks of America—helping those who have less opportunity. Today, I would like to recognize the good folks at the Fisher House Foundation.

Operated by Department of Veterans Affairs, Fisher House relies on donations from Fisher House Foundation, so that military families can stay at no cost while their loved ones receive treatment from nearby hospitals. Fisher

House serves as a home away from home for our nation's military families, offering temporary housing for their families in a setting that feels more like a home than a motel. Fisher House has a passion for taking care of our nation's veterans by offering temporary housing for their families in a setting that feels more like a home than a motel. The houses are located within walking distance of where their loved one is being treated. Many times, family members live far away from the hospital; it can get pretty expensive paying for hotels, gas, food, and any other expenses that come up.

Fisher House is named after its founder, Zachary Fisher. Born in Brooklyn in 1910, Zachary quit school at 16 to help his family as a bricklayer. He later became a real estate mogul and philanthropist. One day, Zachary noticed a young man camping in his car in a VA hospital parking lot. Zachary asked the man why he was living in his car and the man told Zachary Fisher that he lived far away and could not afford a hotel. Thus began the idea of the Fisher House Foundation. Zachary and his wife, Elizabeth, founded the first House in Bethesda, Maryland in 1990.

Currently, there are 62 locations open in the United States and overseas, and there's still a need for more. One out of every nine servicemembers in the U.S. military is from the State of Texas, so it's no surprise that there are more Fisher Houses in Texas than any other state. We have twelve houses, and two are located at the Michael E. DeBakey Medical Center in Houston. The second house in Houston was opened this past September.

Since 1990, Fisher House has helped more than 180,000 families, saving more than 200 million dollars in lodging and transportation costs. Last year alone, over 19,000 families were able to be by their loved one's side because the Fisher House provided a place to call home for a time.

Not only do they provide a place to stay, but in some cases, Fisher House helps transport family members to their wounded loved one. The Hero Miles Program uses donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured servicemembers. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other military charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses, and children of fallen and disabled veterans.

Again and again the Fisher House Foundation shows commitment and compassion for our military families. Recently, the Foundation decided to fund military families' death benefits during the shutdown. They continue to support our veterans and their families in their time of greatest need.

I applaud the Fisher House for its continued generosity and dedication to serving our servicemembers and their families. This is a remarkable organization, and I commend them for the difference that they make in the lives of our veterans.

And that's just the way it is.

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